GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PENSION TO FREEDOM FIGHTERS
HARIBHAU MAHALE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases regarding the release of pension to the freedom fighters of the Goa freedom struggle pending as on date;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Government have been showing laxity in releasing pension to the freedom fighters of the Goa freedom struggle;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken by the Government against the officers for showing laxity in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND)

(a): Out of 1392 cases relating to Goa Liberation Movement, Phase-II (1954-55) where reports from the concerned State Govts. have been received only, 255 cases (99 cases from Goa, 153 cases from Maharashtra, 01 case from Haryana and 02 cases from Uttar Pradesh) are pending for decision as on date.

(b), (c) & (d): No Sir, there is no laxity on part of any official of this Ministry. As such, there is no question of any action to be taken by the Govt. against the officers. The consideration of claims for freedom fighter pension under Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme is a continuous process. Every effort is made to dispose off the cases duly verified and recommended by the State Governments within 45 days from the date of receipt of claims complete in all respects.